



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany - March 3, 2021

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Revised (virtual) meeting schedule for 2020, 2021

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are virtual – link to be provided.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Annual Meeting. Announcements

Speaker: Elizabeth Atwood. *Marguerite Harrison, American Spy.*

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Speaker: Ed Papenfuse. *Jefferson's Printer.*

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Speaker: Spencer W. Stuart. *On all aspects of collection building, maintaining, etc.*

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Speaker: Art Cheslock. *Blasphemy!*

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Speaker: Sallie Lowenstein. *Children's book author, illustrator, publisher and maker of handmade books.*

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Speaker: Charles Tharp. *George Washington's Library and What He Read.*

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Speaker: George Barnum, speaking about his book, *Picturing the Big Shop: Photos of the U.S. Government Publishing Office 1900-1980. Washington, DC, GPO, 2017.*

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Speaker: In her charming memoir, *Posey Boicourt (Blue Tulip)* explores the forgotten world of a portrait painter from whom she is a direct descendent.

Newsworthy items from here and there...

To (virtually) introduce new BIBS member **Steven Winegardner**, here is a link to an article about him, as well as his book collecting interests.

From *Sunbury Daily* via *Practice Source*: <https://practicesource.com/nice-profile-of-stein-w-winegardner-senior-legislative-analyst-at-the-library-of-congress/>

Kelmscott Bookshop March Newsletter: Spring is almost here and we are planning to move during the month of June (location TBA). Please help us continue to downsize! This month, books in our American History, American Biography, Military History, Maryland History, and Presidential History sections will be on sale. All books priced at or under \$125 in these sections will be 50% off throughout the month of March. Kelmscott will be exhibiting at the **virtual ABAA California Book Fair later this week!** Additional details and a link to secure your **FREE** online tickets to the fair and/or related programs may be found by clicking on the link below and scrolling down.

<https://conta.cc/2OhoxUd>

From *Publishers Weekly* via *Literary Hub*: “*Denver’s Tattered Cover Bookstore Sold to Two Entrepreneurs.*” Tattered Cover Bookstore just became the largest Black-owned bookstore in the US after being sold to two entrepreneurs.

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/bookselling/article/85096-denver-s-tattered-cover-bookstore-is-sold-to-two-entrepreneurs.html>

From *Literary Hub*: “*How food shapes people, neighborhoods, and history.*” J. Kenji López-Alt on editing food writing during a pandemic.

<https://lithub.com/what-does-it-mean-to-read-great-food-writing-in-a-pandemic/>

From *Literary Hub*: “*What the World’s First Medical Records Tell Us About Ancient Life.*” Robin Lane Fox on the History of Epidemics

<https://lithub.com/what-the-worlds-first-medical-records-tell-us-about-ancient-life/>

From *Crime Reads* on *Literary Hub*: “*Cozy Mysteries aren’t going anywhere. In fact, they’re as popular as ever.*”

<https://crimereads.com/cozy-mysteries-arent-going-anywhere-in-fact-theyre-as-popular-as-ever/>

From *Literary Hub*: “*How Many of the 100 Most Famous Passages in Literature Can You Identify?*” by Emily Temple (This was fun!)

<https://lithub.com/how-many-of-the-100-most-famous-passages-in-literature-can-you-identify/>

From the *Word Wenches* blog: The Voynich Manuscript

Any codebreakers among us? Is anyone able to decipher the most mysterious book in the world? Has anyone ever heard of the Voynich Manuscript, a 15th century codex? The first URL below is from a blog produced by *Word Wenches*, a group of romance writers. (Yes, romance writers research what they write about.) Evidently, the Codex has tantalized scholars for centuries. After reading the blog, I looked up said manuscript in *Wikipedia*. See the second URL below for more information. BTW - supposedly, the Codex has been deciphered. Supposedly...

https://wordwenches.typepad.com/word_wenches/2021/02/the-most-mysterious-book-in-the-world.html

From *Wikipedia*:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voynich_manuscript

The *Biblio File* Podcast hosted by Nigel Beale: Richard Ovendon on the fragility and importance of libraries.

Richard Ovenden has been Bodley's Librarian (the senior executive position of the Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford) since 2014.

<https://thebibliofile.ca/richard-ovenden-on-the-fragility-and-importance-of-libraries>

From *Sourcebooks*: Travel to Paris (without a mask) through 4 riveting books.

<http://links.sourcebooks.mkt10224.com/servlet/MailView?ms=NDQ1MjIwMzQ0MS1&r=OTQ0MzcxNTg4ODI2S0&j=MTk0MjM0MTQ0MAS2&mt=1&rt=0>

A fifth book I'd recommend for armchair touring of France is Mary Stewart's classic gothic, *Madam, Will You Talk?* After reading this book, you will feel you've been to Provence, Avignon, Nimes, and even Chateau d'If.

From *Literary Hub*: "What's the most filmed bookstore in the world?"

<https://lithub.com/whats-the-most-filmed-bookstore-in-the-world/>